

letts this big cable - they had this big cable - had a great big pulley looking thing up there. They used to have a crow's nest up at the top and there's always a man worked up there. Somehow, now, I don't know how it operated but he operated some the mechanics up there. And now that would - and they finally quit that and they got this big drill bit and somehow when going through rock they had a different action - now one of them 's got a thing called a Kelley - but that 's a later model. Oh, they had that about twenty years ago. And you don't watch, you get your hand cut off with that Kelley. See. Then they have this thing now they do a lot of drilling and they use this mud. There is a mud out of West Texas, it's a blue mud and you find it 'round these beauty shops, after it's been refined and you put it on your face, you know. I've played in more of it than anything. Over in Eastern Oklahoma, is some of it. There's a yellow and blue and - well the red is not so bad, but that yellow and blue sticks - Ooooooh - and it rains, it is enough to kill you. And it balls and you ball this up on your feet. Well now they refine that they take all the other junk out of it,, you know, that foreign kind of stuff. And they put that down there and their tools don't wear out so much. See,, the heat, friction, the heat causes friction and causes their tools to, you know, wear out real quick. And 'course then they have diamond bits too. Now I don't know if that is real diamonds or what it is made out of, but anyway, it's a hard glass thing. They use that. Some of 'em go 'round and 'round.

(well, did you ever hear of anybody diggin' their well with a spovel?)

Oh yes. I helped my dad dig one.

(really. what was that like?)

Well depend on what kind of ground you got. You have to have a casing, you know. You know, build a casing, the size you going to build the well, and you set it up. First you start to build and you dig out a place, you know 'bout two feet deep. And if you are going to make it square, it is much easier to handle. But instead of